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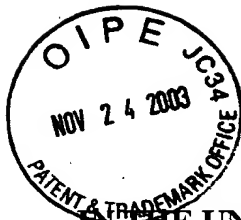
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To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned. With respect to EP 0 993 966, the Search Report indicates that the patent family includes United States Patent No. 6,303,267 and such document has also been provided. As to EP 1 096 315, the document is not listed or provided as it was cited in the Official Action mailed in this application on October 14, 2003.

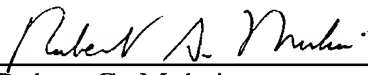
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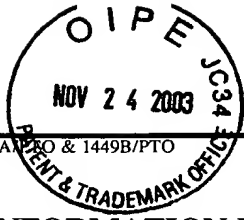
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